

United States Department of Agriculture,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT NO. 469, FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

MISBRANDING OF TABLE SYRUP.

On or about December 13, 1907, the Marshalltown Syrup and Sugar Company, Marshalltown, Iowa, shipped from the State of Iowa to the State of Nebraska a consignment of a food product labeled "Dickinson's Maple and Cane Syrup," and on December 14, 1907, shipped from the State of Iowa to the State of Colorado a consignment of a food product labeled "Eastern Star Maple and Cane Syrup."

Samples from these shipments were procured and analyzed by the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, and as the findings of the analyst and report made indicated that the products were misbranded within the meaning of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906, the Secretary of Agriculture afforded the Marshalltown Syrup and Sugar Company, and the dealers from whom the samples were procured, opportunities for hearings. As it appeared after hearings held that said shipments were made in violation of the act, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the facts to the Attorney-General, with a statement of the evidence upon which to base a prosecution.

In due course a criminal information was filed in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Iowa, charging the above shipments and alleging the product to be misbranded within the meaning of the act, in that the labels above quoted were false and misleading, causing the purchaser to believe the chief ingredients of said products to be maple syrup, when as a matter of fact said products contained less than 50 per cent maple syrup.

Upon arraignment, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information and the court imposed a fine of \$20 and costs of prosecution.

This notice is given pursuant to section 4 of the Food and Drugs Act of June 30, 1906.

JAMES WILSON,
Secretary of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 25, 1910.*

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